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SUBJECT: TAIWAN'S DECISION TO INCREASE IMPORTS FROM U.S.-
GRAIN-SOYBEAN IMPORT PLANS

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1. BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE (BOFT) OFFICIALS MET WITH GRAIN AND SOYBEAN IMPORTERS ON NOVEMBER 9 TO DISCUSS PLANNED INCREASE IN IMPORTS THESE ITEMS FROM THE U.S. IN JUL 77-JUN 78 YEAR. BOFT REQUESTED THAT PURCHASES IN CURRENT JUL-JUN FISCAL YEAR INCLUDE 1,250,000 MT OF CORN, 650,000 MT OF WHEAT; 700,000 MT OF SOYBEANS, AND 300,000 MT OF BARLEY IF THE FOB WEST COAST PRICE IS 12 PERCENT LESS THAN NO. 2 YELLOW CORN FOB GULF.

2. PRIOR TO GROC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL PURCHASES FROM THE U.S., IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT IMPORTS OF BOTH CORN AND SOYBEANS WOULD EXCEED THE INCREASED AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED BY BOFT IN MEETING WITH TRADE ON WEDNESDAY. WITH REFERENCE TO INCREASED WHEAT IMPORTS, OFFICIALS OF FLOUR MILLERS ASSOCIATION STATED AT MEETING THAT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO INCREASE WHEAT IMPORTS TO 650,000 MT AS REQUESTED. IN THE CASE OF BARLEY, IT APPEARS THAT THE GOC HAS MERELY INCREASED THE AMOUNT
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NOT TO BE IMPORTED BY 50,000 TONS TO ROUND THE PACKAGE UP TO AN EVEN MILLION TONS ABOVE THE AGREED PURCHASE AMOUNTS AS STIPULATED IN THE SUPPLY AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH THE U.S. GRAIN TRADE IN MARCH 1976.

3. IT APPEARS THAT GROC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL GRAIN AND SOYBEAN PURCHASES IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IS NOTHING MORE

THAN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN FAVORABLE ATTENTION FROM TRADE
PATTERNS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED, OR WOULD HAVE DEVELOPED, IN THE
ABSENCE OF ANY ACTION ON THE PART OF THE GROC. THEREFORE,
NO CHANGES IN PREVIOUS ESTIMATES OF TAIWAN IMPORTS. OF GRAINS
AND SOYBEANS ARE REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT
OF "ADDITIONAL IMPORTS".
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